

GUNS WILL COMPEL HUERTA TO SALUTE AMERICAN FLAG

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miral Fletcher will be in charge. Rear-Admiral Howard is in charge on the Pacific Coast.

The battleships at Philadelphia and Hampton Roads, it is believed, will be ready to raise anchors to-night or early to-morrow morning.

President Wilson was asked through Secretary Tumulty for a statement in explanation of the action of the Navy Department. He sent back word that there was nothing to say at this time.

Secretary Bryan was asked if he had ordered Charge O'Shaughnessy to demand his passport.

"I will not discuss the subject in any way," answered Bryan with a show of heat, turning on his heel.

The United States has ten warships and 1,200 marines at Tampico and Vera Cruz ready for any emergency; ready to carry out any orders to Rear-Admiral Mayo or Rear-Admiral Fletcher.

At Tampico are the battleships Utah, Connecticut and Minnesota; the cruisers Chester, Des Moines, Dolphin, San Francisco and Solace, under command of Rear-Admiral Mayo. At Vera Cruz are the battleship Florida and the marine transport Prairie.

At Tampico are about 600 marines scattered on all the war vessels. At Vera Cruz 600 marines are aboard the Prairie.

Huerta Expected to Back Down.

Government officials believe, on their knowledge of Mexican character, and say that the President, having called Huerta's bluff, the Mexican Dictator will probably back down and order the salute to be fired. There is no question that the President hopes that this will be the outcome, but he is prepared to insist on the national honor being safeguarded no matter what the consequences.

When the concentration of the fleet is complete Admiral Badger will have under his command in Mexican waters twenty-odd big warships.

Admiral Fletcher, at Vera Cruz, now has with him the battleship Florida and the transport Prairie with 600 marines. Admiral Mayo, at Tampico, has the battleships Utah, Connecticut, Minnesota and the cruisers Des Moines, Chester, Dolphin and San Francisco and 600 marines.

The hospital ship Solace will join him at that port in a day or two. Admiral Badger has under his command at Hampton Roads the battleships Arkansas (flagship), Louisiana, New Jersey, Michigan, Vermont and New Hampshire.

In addition to these ships the battleships Georgia, Virginia, Nebraska and Rhode Island, now at Atlantic coast navy yards in reserve, may be attached to Admiral Badger's command. It is expected that Admiral Badger will be able to start his fleet some time to-morrow and that he will arrive at Tampico within a week.

While Admiral Badger himself and some of his ships are at Hampton Roads other ships of the Atlantic fleet are scattered among their home navy yards at Philadelphia, Boston and New York, where they have just returned from their spring target practice. It will be the work of a day to get them to sea.

The Quartermaster's Department has been working for weeks on the question of transports, and it is said are in shape to establish a record if necessary.

ARMY READY TO STRIKE.

The army is ready to strike. The provisional division at Texas City, Tex., has field supplies and munitions sufficient for sixty days and can be entrained and rushed to any point necessary on an hour's notice. The coast artillery on both coasts is equipped so that it can be utilized as infantry, and the quartermaster's office has a working agreement whereby it can impress into service all of the coastwise shipping, including the big Southern Pacific boats, which ply between New York and Gulf ports.

The Navy Department stated that the trip of the squadrons from Philadelphia and Norfolk to Tampico will require about eight days.

News of the mobilization of the fleet quickly reached Congress. It was quietly received in the Senate. In the House, Progressive leader Murdock made the announcement.

"I am glad the fleet has been ordered to Tampico," he said, "but we do not want trouble with Mexico or the South American republics."

The Senate Chamber was practically deserted within five minutes after the receipt of the news that the fleet had been ordered to Tampico. Senator Shively, Acting Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, left at once for a conference with Secretary Bryan.

"It is the most serious crisis of the situation so far," he said, "and while I apprehend that the Mexicans will back down from their position, and consent to salute the flag, still the situation is one of great gravity. It looks as though at last there will be real trouble."

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BATTLESHIPS THAT ARE GOING TO MEXICO.

The following statement later was issued at the Navy Department: "Admiral Badger will take with him the battleships Arkansas, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Michigan, Vermont, New Jersey and South Carolina, the latter being intercepted on her way from Haiti to Hampton Roads."

"The Tacoma, now at Boston, ordered also to Tampico via Newport, will start to-day or to-morrow. The Nashville at Monte Christi, San Domingo, will go to Guantanamo to coal and thence to Tampico."

"The Rhode Island, Nebraska, Virginia and Georgia are now docking; it has not yet been decided whether they will join Admiral Badger's force. The Hancock will leave New Orleans for Tampico to-day with the first regiment of the expeditionary force of marines."

Battleship New York Ready.

Commandant Gleeves of the Navy Yard to-day announced the battleship New York will go into commission to-morrow morning. The finishing touches have been put on the vessel by the mechanics of the hull division, under Capt. Robert Stocker, and the New York has been pronounced perfect by her builders.

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othy Healy and Patrick D. Rioridan—in

their plan to discharge Dr. Otto H.

Schultz as Coroner's Physician. At-

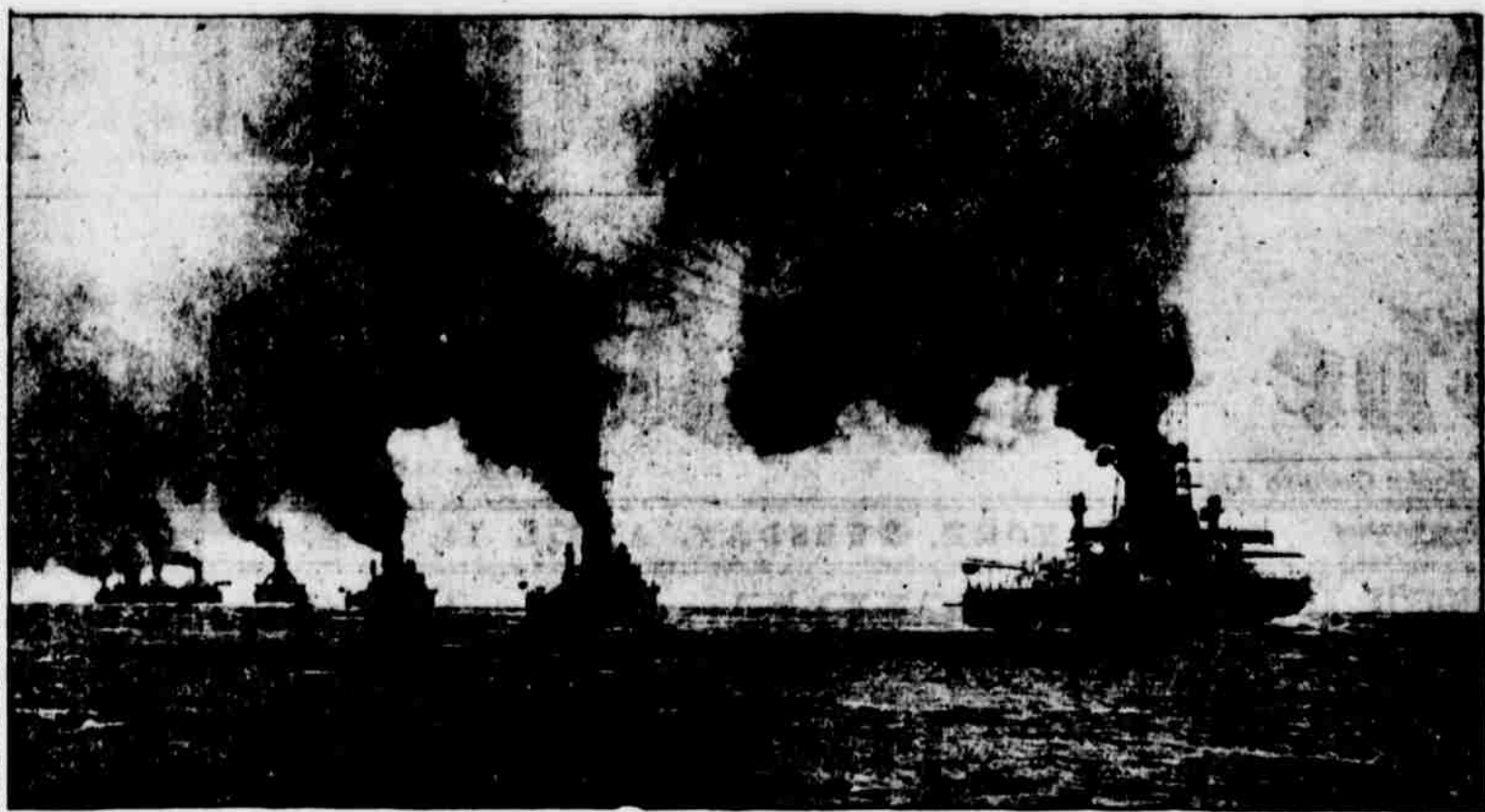
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PRISONER'S BROTHER FORCES LAWYER TO RESIGN AS COUNSEL FOR BECKER

Shay, in Announcing Withdrawal, Declares Overzealous Labors of Accused Policeman's Kin Threaten to Muddle a Case Now Clear.

With the unexpected chance of possible aid held out to ex-Lieut. Charles Becker in the confession of "Dago Frank" Cirofici, made just before he went to the death chair and published in full exclusively in yesterday's Evening World, Joseph A. Shay, Becker's counsel, announced this afternoon his withdrawal from the case. He said he would continue in his present capacity until new counsel was retained, but would not defend Becker at his second trial. It is probable that Martin T. Manton of Cockran & Manton will succeed Mr. Shay.

Mr. Shay declared that he was severing his connection with the case because of the attitude of Lieut. John Becker, Charles Becker's brother. The lawyer said that it was John Becker who discovered Karl Dresner and William Burwell, the witnesses on whose testimony ex-Judge G. F. C. Wahl depended to win a new trial for the gunman last Saturday.

"I refused to have anything to do with these men," said Mr. Shay, "but John Becker, since his brother's conviction, has been lending an ear to any one, listening to the wildest kind of stories and forgetting in his zeal that he might easily be 'framed up' by the persons who pretended anxiety to help him. It was he who took these men to Judge Wahl after I had declined to have anything to do with them."

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themselves. On the witness stand Vallon admitted that he was in Bridge Webster's when the gunman started for the Metropole; he admitted that he was present at the shooting. The only difference in his denial that he fired a shot, and none but Cirofici has come forward to say that he did. THINKS DAGO FRANK WAS PRESENT AT SHOOTING.

Mr. Whitman thinks that in one other respect Dago Frank's confession is untrue; that is in his statement that he was not present at the actual shooting. This does not jibe with testimony now in the District Attorney's office which shows Cirofici to have been present at Rosenthal's death and not to have gone to the rescue of Jean Gordon, his sweetheart, who had been arrested in Harlem, until after he had seen the gambler die.

It can be stated positively that Mr. Whitman will again employ Vallon as a witness against Becker unless evidence is forthcoming to support the charge of "Dago Frank," and this Mr. Whitman does not expect. In such an event, however, Vallon would be charged at once with murder, for his stipulation of immunity expressly stated that it held good only on condition that Vallon was shown not actually to have fired a shot.

Vallon himself seems not to be nervous at the charge brought against him. His lawyer, Bernard Sandler, declared he could produce him and also "Billard Bull" Jack Rose, Weber and Sam Schepps at a moment's notice and it is known that all four of the informers were where they could have been produced before Justice Goff immediately at Saturday's hearing had they been needed to testify against the gunmen's new witnesses.

Mr. Whitman will move to-morrow to have Becker's second trial set for the first Monday in May. It is expected that counsel for Becker will object to this date and suggest May 15.

CURIOUS THROGS DISTURB PEACE AT 'GYP'S' FUNERAL

Three of the executed gunmen are in their graves to-day. Jacob Seiden-schoner (Whitey Lewis) and Harry Horowitz (Gyp the Blood) are buried in Mount Zion Cemetery, Maspeth, L. I. Louis Rosenberg (Lefty Louie) is buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Queens. "Dago Frank" Cirofici will be buried to-morrow.

The bringing home of the dead men and the funeral of "Whitey Lewis" yesterday and "Gyp the Blood" to-day were marked by a most unusual display of morbidity on the part of thousands of men, women and children. The police had their hands full yesterday when "Whitey Lewis" was taken across the Williamsburg Bridge

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Brennan said that on last Tuesday night he had seen the chauffeur with his yellow taxi waiting in line at Churchill's for a fare. He warned the chauffeur away and the chauffeur drove off, but instead of going back to the company's stand he went to Rector's and there got into line again. Brennan followed him, but Milne hurried away as soon as the deputy chief gave him a shove.

This time, instead of taking advantage of the warning, Milne went back to Churchill's and there Brennan had him arrested.

Magistrate Appleton said in court that he had frequently noted the yellow taxis soliciting patrons in violation of the law and that at the Waldorf, for instance, it was impossible to get any other kind of conveyance, whether one wanted a yellow or not.

The Magistrate told Chief Rosen-enthal of the License Bureau that he would "send away" every one of the yellow chauffeurs who violated the city ordinances and advised Rosen-enthal to go to the Waldorf to look over the situation there.

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